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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**APPLICANT:** Marcus Gumpel et al.

**SERIAL NO.:** 10/576,556

**FILED:** April 18, 2006

**FOR:** METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRELOADING  
TAPERED ROLLER BEARING OF A ROLLING  
MILL ROLL

**EXAMINER:** Ryan J. Walters      **GROUP:** 3726

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2008 in which the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 as being unpatentable over the prior art, and indicated that claims 4-9 will become allowable upon being rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 4-9 is noted and appreciated.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: